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SUBJECT: IMPACT OF SUGAR LEGISLATION ON SALE OF MADAGASCAR
SUGAR TO THE U.S.

REF: A) STATE 184710 B) STATE 186857

1. SUMMARY. NATIONALIZED MADAGASCAR SUGAR COMPANY WISHES TO
KNOW IMPACT OF PENDING US SUGAR LEGISLATION ON POSSIBLE SALE
OF 10,000 TONS OF SUGAR TO THE UNITED STATES. END SUMMARY.

2. MRS. OLIVA RANDRIANONIMANDIMBY, MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE OF "SIRAMAMY MALAGASY" (SIRAMA), MADAGASCAR'S NATION-
ALIZED SUGAR COMPANY, PHONED ECONOFF 26 AUG TO INQUIRE ON
POSSIBLE SALE OF 10,000 TONS OF SUGAR TO THE US WITHIN NEXT
FEW WEEKS. INITIALLY SHE WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN US
CUSTOMS DUTY ON SUGAR AND ECONOFF INFORMED HER THAT UNDER
GSP MADAGASCAR SUGAR WOULD ENTER DUTY FREE. ECONOFF THEN
EXPLAINED, DRAWING ON GUIDANCE REFTELS, THAT SIRAMA SHOULD BE
AWARE THAT NEW US SUGAR LEGISLATION IS EXPECTED SHORTLY AFTER
SEPTEMBER 7, AND IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT IMPORT QUOTAS MIGHT
BE IMPLEMENTED WITH THE NEW LEGISLATION. ECONOFF ADMITTED THAT
HE COULD NOT PREDICT WHAT MADAGASCAR'S QUOTA MIGHT BE
AND WHAT EFFECT QUOTA MIGHT HAVE ON MADAGASCAR SUGAR
DESTINED FOR THE U.S. BUT AS YET UNDELIVERED ON DATE
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QUOTAS IMPLEMENTED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE PROVIDE BACK-
GROUND ON FOLLOWING POINTS AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION
WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL TO SIRAMA: A) IS NEW SUGAR
LEGISLATION STILL EXPECTED SHORTLY AFTER SEPT 7?
B) ARE QUOTAS STILL CONSIDERED LIKELY? C) IF QUOTAS

ARE IMPLEMENTED, WHAT WILL BE EFFECT OF QUOTAS ON
SUGAR DESTINED FOR US NOT YET DELIVERED ON
DATE QUOTAS IMPLEMENTED? D) WOULD MADAGASCAR'S QUOTA
BE LIKELY TO COVER SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 10,000 TONS?

4. EMBASSY REALIZES THAT DEPARTMENT MAY NOT BE ABLE
TO GIVE PRECISE ANSWERS TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS,
BUT WOULD APPRECIATE AS MUCH GUIDANCE AS POSSIBLE. BARRETT

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